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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005, for which a response was initially due on or before June 29, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of time to file the response is attached. This extension will extend the deadline to respond from June 29, 2005 to September 29, 2005.

Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.